

Looking for a Christmas tree?



See our listing of Louisiana Christmas tree farms on page 7.

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LDAF wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



During this special time of year, I begin to reflect on the many blessings I have received in my life and the countless reasons we all have to be thankful. Our country's freedom is reason enough, but we should also be thankful for the farmers and ranchers who produce a safe, abundant supply of food and fiber.



As you gather together with family and friends to celebrate the holidays, stop and take a moment to count your blessings and cherish the time you are able to spend with those you love.



May the spirit of the holidays remind you of the strength and perseverance of our nation and its people.



My wife, Millie, our family and I send our best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

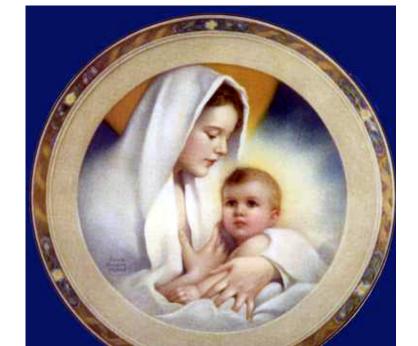
Commissioner Bob Odom

















Department launches 'Certified Creole' logo

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry is launching a "Certified Creole" logo for Louisiana product manufacturers to use in marketing their goods at the local, national and international level.

"The Creole population in Louisiana plays an important role in the rich history and tradition of this state," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said. "Our other product logos, the 'Certified Louisiana' and 'Certified Cajun,' have enjoyed wide usage across the state on everything from seasonings and fish batters to wines and cooking utensils. I'm sure the Creole logo will be just as popular."

Odom said the department began exploring the Creole logo idea when a gentleman approached the marketing office with file' and roux products he wanted to register as certified Louisiana Creole products. When Terrel Delphin, a Creole who is assistant commissioner of the office of Animal Health Services for LDAF, learned of the man's request he became interested in the idea and helped bring it to fruition.

"At the time there was no such thing as a certified Creole logo," Delphin remembers. "There was a Louisiana and a Cajun, but no Creole logo, and the man refused to register his product as anything but Creole."

Delphin, whose Creole heritage goes back to the mid-1700s in the Natchitoches area, has been heavily involved in the annual Louisiana Creole Festival and in establishing the Cane River National Heritage Area in Natchitoches and the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University. In working on these projects, he stressed the influence the Creole

The Department of Agriculture culture has had on Louisiana's Forestry is launching a cooking, architecture, agriculture ertified Creole" logo for and artistry.

Delphin notes that Creole is defined in several ways, the two most common being as the descendants of the original Spanish and French settlers and as land-owning free persons of color of African, Spanish, French and Native American heritage. His group has identified 61 communities of landowning free persons of color in Louisiana.

As Delphin continued his role in the heritage area project, he saw it as a natural fit to have a "Certified Creole" logo for companies marketing their products at the Creole festival as well as statewide and nationally. Delphin's push gave birth to the new logo, recently unveiled during a presentation of the Cane River National Heritage Area master plan to Gov. Mike Foster and other dignitaries at the Governor's mansion.

"This culmination of events, having the logo and the heritage area, is really a return to Louisiana's roots," Odom said. "We're proud to be a part of this and are excited that we could offer something to help identify authentic Creole products to those people outside of Louisiana who may not know the difference between Cajun and Creole."

The "Certified Creole" logo is available for companies to use in product marketing and advertising and on labels and boxes. In order to use the logo, companies must fill out an application with the department and also guarantee that 50 percent of their product ingredients are made in Louisiana.

Applications are available online at <u>www.ldaf.state.la.us</u>, or by calling 225-922-1280.



The Department of Agriculture and Forestry has launched a "Certified Creole" logo for Louisiana products manufacturers. The logo was unveiled recently at the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge. From left are Cane River National Heritage Area Commissioner Ann Brittain, Gov. Mike Foster, Heritage Area Co-Chairman Saidee Newell, Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen, Cane River National Heritage Area Executive Director Nancy Morgan, LDAF Assistant Commissioner of Animal Health Services Terrel Delphin and Superintendent of the Cane River Creole National Historic Park Laura Gates. Below are the other logos offered by LDAF for use on Louisiana products.







Main Street Market opens in downtown Baton Rouge





State and local officials (left) do the ribbon cutting honors at the opening of the Main Street Market in Baton Rouge. The Main Street Market is part of an effort to promote agriculture and the arts in downtown Baton Rouge. From left are Kevin Reilly, Lamar Advertising; State Rep. Kip Holden; Agriculture & Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom; Suzanne Turner, chairwoman of the Main Street Market Board of Directors; Davis Rhorer, director of the Baton Rouge Downtown Development District; Baton Rouge Mayor Bobby Simpson; Commissioner of Administration Mark Drennen; Sandy Saye, executive director of the Main Street Market; and Entergy official Bill Benedetto. Dressed as a watermelon and banana (right) for the grand opening parade are student volunteers from the Baton Rouge Episcopal schools.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturient or post pasturient animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Charolais herd bulls, 3, 4 & 5 yrs., \$900/1-up. C. Blount, Holden, 70744; (225) 686-2118.

Reg. Simmental & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$650/1-up. B. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

45 Brangus & Braford cross bred replacement heifers, some hvy. bred, \$525 - \$650. Karl Vincent, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 367-3788.

Reg. Blk. Brangus herd sire, AI'd from Windac Benchmark, 4 yrs., \$3000. Reg. Black Brangus bulls, 17 - 20 mos.., \$900; Reg. Blk. Brangus herd sire, AI'd from Windac Benchmark, \$3000. R. Watson, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-3426.

Reg. Polled Hereford heifer, 14 mos., \$700 with papers; Black Baldy yearling, 700 lbs., \$700. Brett Daigle, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-2712.

2 Reg. Angus bull calves, 11/01 & 3/02, sired by high EPD LA raised Angus bulls, \$750/choice. Alvin Hanson, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 6 7 3 - 6 9 7 7.

10 Braford heifers, \$550/1. Calvin Lebouef, Abbeville, 70610; (3 3 7) 8 9 3 - 8 2 7 3 .

Reg. Red Limousin herd bull, 4/97, excel. background & EPD's, had on small herd, gentle, thick muscled, proven calf ease, \$1200. D. Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693.

30 Young Crossbred cows, some with calves, others heavy bred, \$650. C. Klump, Kinder, 70648; (3 3 7) 7 3 8 - 5 0 9 4 .

PB Watussi bulls, cows, heifers, \$300/1-up. M. Thornton, Olla, 71465; (318) 495-5661.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, 21 mos., sire: SPH Victor 103T F57, \$750/1. Nellie Burge, Doyline, 71023; (318) 745-3668.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 15 plus mos. old, top bloodlines, gentle, easy calving lines, \$1000 - \$1200/1. Robert Coleman, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-9714.

Young PB Charolais heifers, 7 mos. - up, \$400/1-up. Darrel Guillory, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 826-5350.

Polled & Horned Herefords, bulls, cows, heifers, prs., all productive & guaranteed breeders, all ages, \$650 - \$1650/1. Glenna Lower, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

Reg. Pb Charolais polled bulls, 10 - 16 mos., \$1000; heifer, 11 mos., \$650. Anthony Pitt, Scott, 70583; (337) 232-2452.

(17) F1 heifers, 9 - 26 mos., 14 out of Reg. Horned Hereford bulls, Reg. Brahman cows, some exposed, bred to Reg. Horned Hereford bulls, \$600/1-up. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-2695.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 8 mos. - 12 mos., \$650 - \$750/1. Dera Bates, Heflin, 71039; (318) 377-2764.

Brahman, Holstein heifers, breeding age, guaranteed open, \$575/1. Donald Barlow, Ethel, 70730; (225) 683-4177.

Reg. Polled Simmental bull, 3 yrs., 84 lbs., BW, red with white blaze, gentle, \$1300. Charlie Bourgeois, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-6351 or (985) 449-0238.

Reg. Gelbvieh bulls, lbw EPD's, polled, blk. & red, \$1200/1-up;. Comm. Gelbvieh heifers, \$600/1. R. Cain, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 332-1237.

Reg. Charolais bulls, \$1000/1-up; Reg. Charolais heifers, ready to breed, \$1000/1. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland, 70394; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 537-7229.

Reg. Charolais bulls, 7 mos. - 2½ yrs., \$700 - \$2000/1; bred cows, prs., heifers, sired by top US bulls, \$600 - \$1500/1. Lee Cook, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

¹/₂ Holstein ¹/₂ Jersey open heifer, 30 mos., 1000 lbs., gentle, halter broke, \$500. Alex Dominaett, Mandeville, 70471; (985) 892-7047.

Reg. Charolais bull, 1/00, ready for service, \$1100. Don Fontenot, Mamou, 70554; (337) 468-2731.

Forage Tested Beefmaster bulls, passed BSE, 1 - 3 yrs., Red motley, \$1850; 21 mos. Red Ring-eyed wht. face, \$1150. J. Girgenti, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-6992 or (985) 754-1918.

Reg. Charolais, 32 yrs. Charolais breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet, weaned bull, heifers, cow & calf prs., 3/N/1's, Certified herd, \$850/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-8300.

Pb Brangus bull, 2 years, gentle, easy calving, \$1000. G. Lavergne, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-5888.

Reg. Hereford bulls, heifers, cows, horned & polled, some 3/N/1's, 8 mos. - up, \$800/1-up. Chris Lewis, Angie, 70426; (985) 986-1000 or (985) 732-7004, night.

2 Reg. Longhorn bulls, '98 & '00, easy to handle, \$400/1; roping steers, \$300 - \$375/1. Reese Marceaux, Lake Charles, 70602; (337) 436-5598.

Reg. Red Angus bull, 3 yr. son of Impressive Rob, gentle, calves to show, \$1400. David McGee, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-1403.

Reg. Charolais bull, 3½ yrs., sire: LT Wyoming Wind, polled, \$1500. Scott Saizan, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-2268.

Holstein open heifers, hand raised, 13 mos., \$1000/1. John Stewart, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-2545.

Reg. Brauvieh bull, 5/98, \$1300. L. Stuckey, Pineville, 71360; (318) 442-1643.

140 Extra Fancy seed stock heifers, Super Black & Black Baldies, \$750/1-up. Sherry Lee, Hall Summit, 71034; (800) 368-0599.

Reg. Gray Brahman yrlg. bulls, dehorned & vaccinated, Rambo, Suva breeding, \$700/1. Kurt Hummel, West Monroe, 71291; (318) 396-3344.

3 yrs. Red Angus bulls & Yearling Red Angus bulls, \$1000/1-up. Dotti Knost, Clinton, 70722; (225)

683-8044.

28 Reg. Horned Herefords, 2 Reg. Brahman bulls, F-1 calves, some 3/N1's, \$700/1. D. Hensgens, Branch, 70516; (337) 581-7097.

Reg. Angus bull, 1/00, sire: Renovator 712, \$850. Paul Harrison, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7780.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, 2 yrs., very gentle, \$1200. Varnell Johnson, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 328-7603.

Reg. Jersey milk cow, 2 yrs., calved 11/02, excel. milk or nurse cow, \$800. Michael Perry, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-6950.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, Champion bloodlines, Gain Test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. old bulls, \$1500. Fred Elsing, Alexandria, 71306; (318) 442-0741.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 8 mos., \$500. Clinton Breland, Angie, 70426; (985) 848-9213.

Reg. Charolais cattle, 3/N/1's, \$1200 - \$1500; open heifers, \$700/1; yrlg. bulls, \$800/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500; open heifers, \$700/1; yrlg. bulls, \$800/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500 - \$1800/1. H. Comeaux, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 662-3270.

Charolais bull, 22 mos., \$1000; Blk. Brangus bull, 23 mos., \$850. C. Gueho, Livonia, 70755; (225) 637-2261.

Reg. Black Angus bull, 2 yrs., good EPD's, & breeding, \$1300. G. Guin, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-7268

³/₄ **Brahman** x ¹/₄ Jersey 2 yr., gentle, \$800. John Hadden, Zachary, 70791; (225) 937-4806.

BBU Reg. Beefmaster cows & heifers, \$750/1-up; Base & 1X cows, breeding age bulls, \$2000/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. Angus, Belgian Blue, or Blue Angus bulls & prs., or bred females, \$900/1-up. Phil Myers, Estherwood, 70534; (337) 785-0750.

Reg. Charolais bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmydad breeding, Certified herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7939.

725 lb. avg. weight, all exposed to Reg. Black Angus bull, \$650. Leslie Maddox, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 634-5384.

Reg. Braford bulls, good bloodline & clean sheath, 19, 20, 30 mos., \$800/1-up. Mark Manuel, Jennings, 70546; (337) 584-2422.

Reg. Polled Charolais bulls, weaning age, grandsons of HBR Magnum 91P & HBR program Z97P '02 Multi Trait leader, excel. EPD's, \$800. Joel Pigott, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5008.

HORSES, MULES, & JACKS

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'01 APHA black & white Tobiano filly, lots of white, should mature to about 15 hands, gentle, halter broke, loads, shown in 4-H, good performance prospect, \$1500. Teresa Bartlett, Carencro, 70520; (337) 886-0250 or (337) 962-8027.

Palomino geld., 20 yrs., heading horse, good for beginner, \$1200. Joe Burleson, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-6939.

(2) AQHA broodmares, Royal King, Peppy San Badger, Little Soliterio, Craw Dey bred, both in foal to own son of Peppy San Badger, February colts, \$2200/1. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

Reg. TWH Oz colt, brown & white Tobiano, \$1000. Randy Creel, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-5555 or (985) 848-9757, night.

AMHA Reg. mare, NFC Intimadators Queen of Hearts, 28", 4/89, chestnut, lip tatoo, 1923/mixed mane % tail, sire: NFC Intimadator, dam: Del Tera's Lady Fontana, \$4000. Paul Doerle, New Iberia, 70562; (337) 367-8551.

AQHA geld., started on barrels, athletic, Lightnin Bar Jr., Special Effort, \$4000. B. Fontenot, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5685.

'88 Brown mare, Zan Par Bar, Cutter Bill, Puddenhead, King bloodline, big muscled, gentle, experienced rider, \$1600. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9 5 6 2 .

'02 AQHA stud colt, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Royal King, Sport Model, Leo, Puddenhead, gentle, \$1500. Vernon Humphries, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-4962.

AQHA 3 yr. chestnut geld., used for trail riding, cattle sorting, excellent bloodlines, \$2500. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville, 70782; (225) 673-3373.

Riding mule, 6 yrs., good gaits, easy keeper, \$850. Bill Tatum, Delhi, 71232; (318) 878-2604.

AMHA black & white Paint, 2½ yr. stallion, 33", 1½ yr. black & white geld., 30", colts, fillies, mares, all AMHA, shots, wormed, \$400/1-up. Babs Williams, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 227-1124.

AQHA mare, 6 yrs., dark AQHA stud colt, rebred, \$2500; APHA mare, 3 yrs, bred to AQHA Palomino, \$2500; Dark 5 yr. mare bred to Kings Ranch, \$4000; 3 yr APHA mare, \$2000; APHA stud colt, \$1500, all by Skippa Star, haltered, trained. Glenna Lower, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

5 yrs. Miniature Plaomino stallion, 34" tall, gentle with children, \$500. Warren Hoag, Jennings, 720546; (337) 824-0937.

Rhyme N Rocket, AQHA yearling filly, MBNA nominated, sire: Rhyme, \$5000; Streakin Sammy Cash, AQHA 3 yr. filly, sire: Streakin Six, dam: Dash for Cash, \$5000; Gorgeous Dash, AQHA, 5 yr. filly, sire: Dash for Cash, dam: Easy Jet, \$6000. Susan Harrison, Zachary, 70776; (225) 654-9020.

Dark brown Jack, 6 yrs. part Mammoth, used to breed mares, \$150. James Templet, Napoleonville, 70390; (985) 369-2797.

Black mare, bred to 17 hand homozygous, 7 yr., \$2000; 2 yr. Reg. Spotted Saddle mare, bred to Reg. TW Tobiano Paint, \$1800. Paul Broussard, Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-1368.

'02 Buckskin stallion, Dry Doc, Puddenhead, Leo, King, pretty head, good disp., \$900. Sindee Casanova, Holden, 70744; (225) 294-2585.

APHA colt, sorrel Tobiano, 5/02, sire: Mighty Merlee, dam: Complicated Girl, \$1800; Reg. Black Overo colt, sire: Mighty Merlee, dam: Josie Star, 5/02, \$1700. Junior Cooley, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-6995.

Reg. Min. horses & mules, Paint filly & colt grandson of Del's Cowboy, \$4540/1-up. Homer Cunningham, Albany, 70711; (225) 567-3522.

Shetland stud colt, 7 mos., black & white, \$300; Brown Welch stud colt, \$200. Greg Durbin, Pitkin, 70656; (318) 358-3342.

Reg. Appaloosa broodmares, explosion proof women's horse, open, homozygous blk. & white, few spots, in foal to Conclusive Copy, bay roan with National points, in foal to All Inclusive, \$1000 - \$3500. Mark Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1730 or (337) 831-0917.

QH mare, 6 yrs., sorrel, gentle, sound, exp. rider, easy keeper, child saddle included, \$1000. Shaun Loftin, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-3062 or (318) 932-3543.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1, 2, & 3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, microchipped, \$750/1-up. Butch Martin, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-2467.

AQHA weanling colt, sire: Caans Ebony Image, \$1000; AQHA Palomino filly, sire: Skipa Gold Streak, \$1200; APHA colt, \$650; '94 unreg. Paint geld, 14 hands, well broke, \$1200. Ralph Mix, Mandeville, 70448: (800) 375-4728.

QH mare, 21 yrs., very gentle, great Kids horse, \$400. Jasper Piazza, Plaucheville, 71362; (318) 922-3352

Minature ponies, mares, (1) bay (1) brown, \$350/1; stallions (1) roan, (1) brown, (1) Palomino, 2 - 5 yrs., \$300/1. M. Thornton, Olla,71465; (318) 495-5661.

'02 Sorrel colts, gentle & halter broke, \$300 & \$500. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte, 70776; (337) 363-4355 or

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Bob Odom, Commissioner

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(337) 831-3247.

Reg. pb Arabian stallions, mares, colts, fillies, Egyptian-Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Jeff Dupre, Washington, 70589; (337) 585-2642.

QH sorrel colt, 4/01, Blondy's Dude, Poco Poco bloodlines, \$850. Paul Harrison, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7780.

AMHA & AMHR Mini horses, stallions, mares, young fillies, \$600 - \$1500. Paul Hayes, St. Gabriel, 70776; (225) 642-0584.

APHA colts, bay & white yrlg., buckskin & white yearling, black & white weanling, blue roan & white weanling filly, Joechief Bar, Sky Bug Bingo, Peppy Spook bloodlines, good conf., \$800/1. Douglas Madden, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-3570.

'02 Gaited colt, sorrel, white markings, halter broke, very gentle, \$400. James Veillon, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4355.

Big Brown Paint geld., 7 yrs., very gentle, microchipped shots, dewormed, works cattle, \$1500. Doyle Baccigalopi, Creole, 70632; (337) 542-4439.

QH, 6 yrs., & QH Thoroughbred, 4 yrs, both sorrel, trail rides, \$1500. Kevin Dominque, Scott, 70583; (337) 873-8350.

AQHA sorrel mare, 13 yrs., runs barrels & poles, Three Bars, Croton Oil breeding, \$3500. Meg Lovejoy, Sulphur, 70776; (337) 583-4158.

App. geld., 7 yrs., \$1000; QH stud, 19 mos., \$500. Marshall Robinson, Minden, 71055; (318) 927-4894.

APHA, homozygous mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1995/1-up. Perry Thomassie Gonzales, 70707; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4288.

'01 APHA Homozygous filly, sorrel & white, very gentle, halter broke, flashy, \$1200. Mitzi Thomassie.Gonzales, 70707; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4288.

'01 APHA chestnut tobiano colt, possible homozygous, built to take 1st place, \$1200. Jean Causey, Gonzales, 70707; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4288.

Paint pony hunter, 12 yrs., 52", show on the flat, jumps 2', shown at halter, pulls cart, \$3000; pony gelding, 42", 3 yrs., brown, \$700. Rebecca McLindon, Bush, 70431; (985) 892-2686.

STALLION SERVICE

Homozygous APHA blk. & wht. stallion, '98 MS. Grand Champion in Halter, guaranteed Paint, good conf., \$250/\$5 day mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70776; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

Poco Bueno grandson, top: great-grandson Wimpy/King, bottom: Great grandson Poco Bueno/Sugar Band, \$350. Joe Ainsworth, Jena, 71342; (318) 827-9457.

Homozygous APHA blk. & wht. stallion, Skip N King, \$850/Reg. mare, \$250/grade mare. Beverly Bertrand, Branch, 70516; (337) 684-

3028 or (337) 580-0161.

AQHA Palomino son of Gay Holly Bars World Champion Cutting horse, 4th generation Palomino, \$300. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

King Ranch bred son of Peppy San Badger Finished Cutting horse, points in AQHA & NCHA dark sorrel, \$500/\$5 mare care. Kevin Coats, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-5139.

AQHA/NFQHA dun stallion, son of Skipa Star, out of granddaughter of Puddenhead, excellent disp., color producer, \$600/\$5 day mare care. Paul Smith, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-3082

HOGS

Rare breed Reg. Large Black pigs, 9/02, \$200/1; other pigs, \$35/1-up. Oliver Strain, Bush, 70431; (985) 886-9900.

SHEEP & GOATS

(6) Boar cross goats, (5) nannies, 1 Billy, \$50/1 if all taken; Katahdin Ewes, \$85/1; Ram, \$150/1; Lambs, \$50 - \$60/1; half Dorper Ewes, \$250/1; Lambs, \$150/1; (10) Barbado Ewes, few hvy. bred, \$60 - \$75/1. Paul Reyenga, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-3380.

FG Reg. 100% Boer buck, 8 mos., with papers, good bloodline, \$325. Murphy Stelly, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-6016.

African Pygmy goats, males, caramel colored, \$50/1. Lamar Little, Baton Rouge, 70815; (225) 753-1614

Breeding age Boer Billies, ¾ & 7/8, \$150/1-up; nannies, some bred, \$75 - \$100/1. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

FB Boer billies, large, 11 mos., with papers, color correct, excellent genetics, ready for breeding, \$250/1-up. Anthony Mumphrey, Eunice, 70535; (337) 550-0826.

African Pygmy, 1 Wether, caramel, \$50; (4) females, 2 black, (2) caramel, \$100/1. Beth Segura, Jarreau, 70749; (225) 627-9414.

Great Lap goats, Reg. Nigerian Dwarf kids, tiny pets with wonderful personalities, \$75. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, 70851; (225) 683-4919 or (337) 278-6784.

Native Ram lambs, \$65/1; cross bred billies, \$55/1; Native Ram, trophey horns, \$300. Paul Harrison, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7780.

Pygmy goats, males & females, all colors, \$50 - \$100. Paul Hayes, St. Gabriel, 70776; (225) 642-0584.

100 % Reg. Boer goat herd, buck from Show stock, 8 does, 1-4 yrs., yrlg. buck, \$2000/all. Mark Lumetta, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-6257.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts, before the ad can be published.

NALC Catahoula puppies, 8/02, leopards, glass eyes, shots, \$100 - \$150. B. Bergeron, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1909.

PB Blackmouth Cur puppies, 3 mos., works cattle, different colors,

\$75/1 without papers; \$140/with papers. Lemuel Ducote, Plaucheville, 71362; (318) 922-3833.

AKC 7 yrs. DNA'd male Corgi, \$350; AKC Corgi puppies, \$400/ males or \$450/females, whelped 8/02. Mona Yarbrough, Church Point, 70525; (337) 668-4765.

Reg. McNab puppies from Foundation bloodlines, working parents on premises (cattle & sheep), will demonstrate, born 11/02, ready for Christmas, \$500/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. Border collie puppies, started dog, fully trained stockdogs, imports from Scotland, & Wales, will demonstrate working, \$300/1-up. Rodney Cotton, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-2047.

Great Pyrenees & Komodor cross puppies, \$50/1. Paul Harrison, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7780.

Border collie, 2 yrs., works goats, cattle, hogs, shots, worming, \$1000. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

(3) **Fb Australian** Shepard pups, (2) males, (1) female, parents on premises, \$75/1. Brandon Passman, 70438; (985) 839-6993.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Advertisements will not be accepted from retail shops and/or their owners

Double Yellow Head Parrot, \$500/ female; Indian Ringneck, \$100/ male; Baby Quakers, hand tame, \$125; Parakeets, all colors, \$10/1. Don Leche, Metairie, 70003; (504) 889-1784.

Proven pr. Goffin Cockatoos, \$100/pr.; proven pr. Congo grays, \$1200/pr. Charles Legaux, Edgard, 70049; (985) 497-3264.

Quaker parrots, pets or breeders, green, \$175; blue, \$450; split to blue, \$250. Carol Phillips, Logansport, 71049; (318) 697-7241.

Lovebird prs., Peachface blues, 1 & 2 yrs., \$60/pr. Ellis Sisk, Baker, 70714; (225) 774-7414.

HF Umbrella cockatoo, male, very tame, talking, large rolling cage & access, \$1500. Jan Ayo, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0988.

Indian Ringneck parakeets, '01 & '02 hatch, Violet, Dark-green/blue, Turquoise, grey, Lacewings, greens split to various mutations, few mature birds available, \$100 - \$4500. Kent Benton, 70776; (225) 686-0248.

Breeder birds, 11 prs. cockatoos, 4 prs. Macaws, large cages, metal nest boxes, food dishes, \$40,000. Joe Guidry, Duson, 70529; (337) 873-8887.

Elenora cockatoo, \$900; Double Yellow Head Amazon, \$800; Blue & Gold Macaw, \$800; Black Headed Caique, \$500. Patsy Guidry, Duson, 70529; (337) 873-8887.

Hf White-Bellie Caiques, DNA sexed, \$375/1-up; young DNA sexed unrelated prs., \$950. Charles Savoy, Duson, 70529; (337) 984-3558

Female Vosmarie, Eclectus breeder, \$650 or will buy your male; baby Redsided Eclectus, \$600/male. Gladys Carrier, Port Barre, 70577;

(337) 585-7145.

Orange Face Lovebirds, lutinos, olive, normals, cinnamon, \$30 - \$60; Red Face & White Face. \$20 - \$50. Dale Landry, Paincourtville, 70391; (985) 369-6952.

Malaysian Serama, pb, laying prs., \$100 - \$250. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2252.

Canaries, from Award Winning Line, American Singers, \$60/1; Opal, \$65/1; Red Factor, \$75/1; Gloster, \$75/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma, 70364; (985) 868-3648.

Lovebird & Parakeet nest boxes, approximately 80, 6"x6", never used, \$8/1 or will trade for breeders or babies out of nest, not parakeets. Dana Cavalier, Pierre Part, 70339; (985) 252-6201.

Gouldians, \$115/pr.; Orange Cheeks, \$20/1; Spice, \$12/ea.; Orange Weavers, \$10/1; Zebras, \$7/1; Societies, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma,, 70364; (985) 876-7966.

Large cage, \$100; large cage, \$75; medium cages, \$40. Winnie Picard, West Lake, 70669; (337) 721-0368.

Diamond doves, ADA seamless banded, all color mutations, \$20/1-up. Mervin Faul, Iowa, 70647; (337) 582-6674.

Ringneck dove, normals, whites, \$5 & \$7.50/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70527; (337) 783-5729.

Hf White Bellied Caiques, DNA sexed, \$375/up; young DNA sexed unrelated prs., \$950. Charles Savoy, Duson, 70529; (337) 984-3558.

GQF 1266 incubators, 1270 hatcher, \$300/1. A. Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

Wanted: Incubators & hatchers, GQF or any kind of chicken equipment. D. Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 7880240 or (337) 581-2568.

RATITES (Emus/Ostriches)

Emus, (3) young birds, under 2 yrs., \$1000/3. Paul Hayes, St. Gabriel, 70776; (225) 642-0584.

POULTRY, GAME, FOWL & EGGS

Pharaoh quail, 35¢/1 - \$2/1; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickled Quail eggs, \$5/pint. Anthony Durr, Pleasant Hill, 71065; (318) 796-2601 or (318) 932-1315.

Super Large Quail hatching eggs, \$25/100 plus \$12 shipping & handling; live chicks, 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$25/doz. G. Chauvin, Schriever, 70395; (985) 448-3360.

Pharaoh Quail, chicks to full grown, 35ϕ - \$1.50/1; large meat quail, \$20/doz. Bruce Richard, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-6088.

Muscovy ducks, \$4 - \$5/1. B. Soileau, Mamou, 70554; (337) 468-5622.

Red Jungle fowl roosters, pb, \$10/1; Silkie X JF roosters, \$6/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Black Swans, (1) male, (4) females, \$200/1 or will trade for different blood. W. Brown, Ragley, 70652; (337) 725-6365.

Show quality birds, Trio Rhode Island Standards, \$60; Trio Rhode Island Bantam, \$40; Trio White Wyandotte Bantams, \$40; Cull Rhode Island Bantam Roosters, \$7/1. Brett Daigle, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-2712.

Game pullets, \$3.50/1; Royal Palm Turkey, \$50/pr.; India Blue Peacocks, 3 yrs., \$150/pr. H. Duhe, Covington, 70435; (985) 892-0032.

Pheasants, Red Gold, Yellow Gold, Reeves, Silver, Lady Amherst, \$30 - \$50/pr.; White Peahen, \$100; guineas, \$5 - \$10/1. Doyle Davis, Norwood, 70761; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

Young Laying hen, \$5/2; full grown Muscovy ducks, \$8/males; \$5/females. Jerry Scheynayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2238.

Brown Leghorn hens, \$45/1; Game chickens, \$45/1. P. Harrison, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7780.

Bantams, pb Japs, white blocktail, Black Japs, \$20/trio; (6) black sex link hens, young laying, \$10/1. Paul Hayes, St. Gabriel, 70776; (225) 642-0584.

Peafowl, \$25/1; Mandarin ducks, \$50/pr.; Black Swans, \$350/pr.; Red Gold Pheasant males, \$15/1; mature male Emu, \$75/1; Fantails, \$100/20. Mark Lumetta, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-6257.

Young laying hens, different breeds, 3 roosters, \$5/1. Kevin Gaspard, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1451

Bob White quail, \$2/1. James Madere, Hahnville, 70057; (985) 783-6367.

Pure Buff Orpingtons, grown hen, \$7. Nick Sherman, Crowley,70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

Royal Palm turkeys, \$60. Newton Stafford, Holden, 70744; (225) 567-6815.

Wanted: Rosie Bourkes, prs., singles. Richard Abney, McNeill, MS, 39457; (601) 798-4902.

FARM-RAISED DEER

Whitetail does, 1½ yrs., 2 yrs., & 5½ yrs., \$250 - \$300. Lee Cook, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5997.

Whitetail fawns, \$300/1; 9 Bucks, \$1000/1. Charlie Jones, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2846.

Rocky Mountain Elk, 1-9 yrs. to farm or kill, \$1000 - \$2500. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Bass, **60**¢/**1**; Bluegill, 20¢/1; Crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 30¢/1; Cat-



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fish, 20¢/1; Hybrids, 25¢/1; Carp, \$9; Minnows, \$8/lb.; delivery avail. Frank Book, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-4251.

PIGEONS

Pigeons, mixed sizes, \$4/1. Lloyd Menard, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-3959.

French Mondaine breeders & young, White Kings, \$12/pr; young bird ready to breed, \$4/1. Jesse Gaspard, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1451.

FARMLAND

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

St. Tammany parish 19½ acres in Folsom, 2½ - 3 acre lake, stocked catfish, perch, hybrid bass, excellent for ranching, & Acadian home, fenced hay barn, \$240,000. John Ernst, Mandeville, 70471; (985) 892-9723.

BEES & EQUIPMENT

Dark & light honey, \$7/quart or \$25/gallon. Rebecca Gubert, Metairie, 70003; (504) 454-0652.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Breeding does & bucks, NZW, Californias, Checkered Giants, Red NZ, \$10/1. Gen Johnson, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-7591

Ped. or Non-Ped. Seedstock, NSW, Mini Rexs, \$10/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Large Red Camelia with yellow thistle in center, blooming in December, \$60/3 gallon containers. Cavell Galloway, Bogalusa, 70427; (985) 732-4918.

Gourds, large Birdhouse, Dipper, Egg, Cushaw Crookneck Green Stripe, 30 seed, \$1.50 with SASE. James Robin, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

HAY & GRAIN

'01 Alicia Bahia, 4' x 5' round bales in barn, \$25/1; Cattle mix grass, \$10/1. Brandy Cella, Bush, 70431; (985) 892-0240.

'02 Jiggs Bermuda, \$4 - \$4.50/ bale in barn, delivered not unloaded. Don Bernard, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 989-9675.

Bahia or Alicia, 4'x5' round bales, stored in barn, excellent quality, \$25 - \$30/1. Lee Cook, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

'02 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda rd. bales, 4'x6', Bahia, \$20/bale; Jiggs, \$30/bale, will deliver \$5/bale. Donald Crawford, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 989-9675.

4'x5' rolls Bahia hay, excel. quality, no weeds, fert., under barn, \$30; Bahia, fert. outside, \$25/1, delivery avail. Joe Pieri, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 832-0885.

Bahia in barn, fert. to soil test, cured without rain, will load, 4'x5' Round bales, \$20 - \$25/1. Danny Schleslsmann, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7663.

Bahia hay, 5'x5' fert., in shed, \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-3758.

Alicia Bermuda, horse quality, \$2.50 - \$3.25/1; Bahia, \$2.25; Wheat straw, \$2, you load; rd bales 5'x5', Alicia mix Bahia, \$18 - \$25, loaded, most under shelter. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Alicia hay, 100 rolls, well fertilized, \$15/roll; 60 rolls Russell Bermuda, well fert., \$15/roll. Douglas Madden, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-

3570. **Kansas Alfalfa** hay, horse quality, \$8.50 bale or \$8/if 50 or more taken. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, Mexican plum, Chicksaw plum, Crabapple, native Black Cherry (gen. inproved), \$5 - \$25/1. Ent Benton, Livingston, 70776; (225) 686-0248.

Pecan trees, Oconne, Jackson, Sumner, 3 yrs, 15 gal., \$45; Shumard Oak, 3 yrs., 15 gal., \$35. James Robin, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, will ship dormant bare root, 2 yr. plants, \$12, shipping & handling included, 8 varieties. Betty Robin, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Farmall cub, grader blade, planter, row hillers, plow, good cond., \$2500; Ford Dextra, 3 cyl. Perkins diesel, needs some work, on steering, \$2000. William Boegel, Mandeville, 70471; (985) 626-5324.

JD 830 p/s, new paint, \$6000; JD 336, sq. baler, \$1395; NH 256 hay rake, \$450; Kuhn GMD HD 6600, \$1000; Vemeer 605 Super G, \$1695; 1466 IH 2 post canopy, \$6000. R. Coldiron, Jonesville, 71343; (318) 339-7876

Insley 875 trackhoe, needs repairs, \$3500; '55 JD 50 2 cyl., \$2700. B. Gonzales, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 462-6127.

7' Rhino bushhog, excellent cond., \$1300 or will trade for equip. for small tractor, 6' box blade, plow. Bobby Johnson, Leonville, 71496; (225) 753-2121.

New Holland 310 sq. baler, fair cond., works or use for parts, \$800. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-9224.

Pull type limb rake, 8' elec. cylinder, \$1500. Peter Palermo. Fordoche, 70732; (225) 694-2215.

32' Marvin Land level, 10' wide, \$900; 6" Jaeger water pump, no motor or PTO, \$150; B7100 Kubota HST trac., runs, for parts, \$500. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 447-8090.

JD 310A frontend loader, backhoe, rebuilt motor, clutch, hyd. pump, new alt., starter, water pump, front tires, \$8000. M. Palmer, St. Bernard, 70085; (504) 676-3715.

3.4 KW Robin Wisconsin generator, 7 hp, runs good, \$75; Aqua-Pro pressure washer Yanmar diesel with electric start, \$700. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 447-8090.

5' Bushhog cutter, fair cond., \$150. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 447-8090.

3208 Cat Power Unit, runs good with PTO, low oil, shut down, \$2500. Cliff Brister, Colfax, 71417; (318) 793-5042.

6' cycle type hay cutter, Ford 501 series, 3 pt. hitch,, \$250; tractor grader blade, 6', 3 pt. hitch, \$125; 250 gallon diesel tank on skids, \$125. Curt Fontenot, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 364-2615.

1175 Case, new engine, other new parts, good shape, \$4800. Richard Jeansonne, Simmesport, 71369; (318) 941-2122.

'99 Long square baler, makes different size bales, very low hrs., \$7500. Mattaw Parker, New Llano, 71461; (337) 535-4968.

Ford 8N, side dist. mount, engine needs work, overall cond., excel., \$500. Clint Renrad, Delcambre, 70528; (337) 685-4836.

'91 Case 580K rubber tire backhoe, very clean, good rubber, extra parts, buckets included, \$15,000. Reese Marceaux, Lake Charles, 70602; (337) 436-5598.

(2) Flail mowers, Alamo, 6½' cut, 336 teeth, \$1200/both. Susan Harrison, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-9020

Kelly backhoe, \$1800; (2) single row markers, 3 blade on 3 point tool bars, \$300; (2) Middle Busters, \$100; 5' tool bars on 3 pt., \$900/1. Clarence Brown, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7902.

Int. 504 gas wide frontend & 6' JD Bushhog, \$3500; NH 851 auto wrap baler, \$2500. David Daigrepont, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6060.

Bushhog gear box 30 hp off JD 4' bushhog, \$100. Rogers DeHart, Gibson, 70356; (985) 575-3410.

JD 8 row cultivator, excel. cond., \$2000; 8 row lay-by rig, excel. cond., \$800; W & A 8 row hipper with row markers, \$2500. Bobby Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Allis-Chalmers motor grader, model D, 10' blade with scarifier, 4 cy., gas engine, \$9500. Don Duhon, Scott, 70583; (337) 237-6257.

5' Box blade, \$450; seeder-fertilizer, \$325; row maker, \$550; 4' disc, \$450. Dale Langley, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 967-4789.

Northwest model 6 2 yard dragline, good cond., 70' boom, \$8500. Homer Lindley, Baton Rouge, 70895; (225) 927-0361.

Woods bushhog mower, 7' wide, excel. cond., \$1750; '85 855 Case IH 72 hp trac., good cond., \$8000.

Webster LeBlanc, 70510; (337) 893-7182 or (337) 519-3420.

NH 7635, c/a, 90 hp, 600 hrs., frontend loader, like new, \$30,000. Donald Richardson, Winnfield, 71483; (318) 727-8754.

Disc, 3 pt. hitch, hvy. duty, \$450; small cattle trailer, \$250. T. Sarver, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-6622.

4' Box scraper, \$360; 6' box

scraper, \$405; MF 243 exhaust, \$150. D. Terrebonne, 70356; (985) 209-0026 or (985) 868-2693. **Ford 5' bushhog** gear box, does

not use oil, body needs work, \$225. Louis Van Hoof, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 776-5405.

JD 46 hp, 3 pt. hitch, ps, new tires, \$5800. Daniel Maxey, Calcasieu, 71433; (318) 659-3120.

Int. Gristmill, works good, good cond., large JD corn sheller, used very little, \$1500. James Perkins, Elizabeth, 70638; (318) 634-7319.

PZ Cyclomower CM 215, for parts, used this year, manual, \$500. Duncan Evans, Monroe, 71202; (318) 325-0653.

Seeder-Fertilizer dist., 3 pt. hitch, \$250. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Yanmar, 24 hp diesel with 4' box blade, bushhogs, together or apart, \$5000/each. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

John Bean sprayer, 300 gal., capacity 35 GPM, V4 Wisconsin, 25 hp, engine or single tandem frame, excellent cond., hose, spray gun, \$1400. F. Sloane, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-1212.

Ford 7810S (90 hpt), 835 hrs., canopy, Woods Loader model 255, quick attach bucket & hay fork, \$21,500. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-2115.

Long 2460, 900 hrs., \$9500; Vicon, 5½' hay cutter, \$1500. Kevin Domingue, Scott, 70583; (337) 873-8350

Wanted: Motor for 58 Ford Farm tractor A 134 cub. inches, motor in good cond. George Jackson, St. Bernard, 70085; (504) 676-3718.

Wanted: Seed & grain drill. Roy LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566

Wanted: 15' Batwing shredder, very good cond., fairly new, 540 PTO. Loyton Courville, Sunset, 70578; (337) 662-3758.

Wanted: Farmall AV, 130 or 140 sickle mower rear mount for parts.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

'86 GMC 7000, 366 gas, new radial tires, 10 hole bud wheels, 14' metal flat bed, good cond., \$3800. David Daigrepont, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6060.

'90 Chev ¾ ton pickup, \$4500. S. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Full running boards for '00 single cab Dodge dually, lwb, \$250. Howard Giddings, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-4925.

150 gal. L-shaped fuel tank, \$150. David Juneau, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5234.

'66 Ford V8 tandem, 500 bushel steel box, \$500. Dalton Broussard, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-3729.

Sleeper, fits '88 - '98 Chevrolet truck, \$200. Donald Manuel, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-2546.

Headache lumber rack over cab, fits short wheel base, \$150. Paul Reyenga, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-3380.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

18' Stock trailer with roof, 3 gates, no title, 2 5/16" hitch bumper pull, good cond., \$1500. Phil March, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-2545.

35 Cotton trailers, 8' - 10' wide, 24' - 40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excellent condition, delivery available, \$500 - \$1450. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

'88 Hale bumper pull stock trailer, metal top, excellent cond., \$1000. Kevin Espely, St. Gabriel, 70776; (225) 642-5444.

20' Gooseneck stock trailer, good shape, new tires, \$200; '55 Chevy 2 ton 6400 chuck wagon feeder, \$1500. P. Reyenga, Shreveport, 71104; (318) 929-3380.

20' Neckover Livestock trailer, dual axle, excellent cond., \$2200. Louis Blanchard, Roseland, 70456; (985) 748-5153.

16' Bumper pull trailer, tandem, ramps, 1000 lb. winch, double ramps., \$950. Clarence Brown, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7902.

Factory steel bed for 1 ton, gooseneck, \$350; 35' gooseneck, dual tandem axles, 5' dovetail, ramps, elec. brakes, \$4800. David Juneau, Marksville, 71351; (318) 2 5 3 - 5 2 3 4.

16' Neckover stock trailer, excellent cond., \$2500; 20' gn, new paint, \$2500; 20' GS covered, new paint, \$2800, good floor & tires. Donald Richardson, Winnfield, 71483; (318) 727-8754 or (318) 357-1502.

Buck board wagon with top & iron rims, wood spokes, seats 4 - 6 people, single nylon harness, \$1200. James Templet, Napoleon-ville, 70390; (985) 369-2797.

'02 Exiss 3 horse slant trailer, ac, \$12,000. Regan Knight, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-2801.

'94 Ledwell feed trailer, 9 bins, roll tarp, good for hauling bulk feed, all alum., \$7500. Russell Wade, Marion, 71260; (318) 292-4504.

35' 6" gooseneck 3 axle flatbed dovetail, rear ramps, 6 mos., \$4000. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

Stock & horse trailer, HD, 16', bumper pull, center gate, sliding rear gate, spare tire, undercoated, treated flooring, pulls easy, \$4250. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318)563-4566.

'95 Bonanza 3 horse slant trailer with sleeper, new c/a, floor, 5 new tires, \$4000. J. Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6089.

Wanted: Lathe milling machine & other shop equip, no blacksmith tools. Gregory Dekeyzer, New Iberia, 70562; (337) 367-0214.

Wanted: Chipper-Shredder at least 8 hp, gas powered, in good condition. Elizabeth Barilleaux, Covington, 70435; (985) 893-5105.

DEADLINE

LIVESTOCK & FARM SUPPLIES

Taylor-Wharton 34HC Artificial Insemination tank, like new, \$500 or trade for farm equipment. Pat Prather, Baton Rouge, 70816; (225) 235-5633.

New axle, 7000 lb. elec. brakes, 16" tires, \$250. Loyton Courville, Sunset, 70504; (337) 662-3758.

2 2/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 ½" tubing, 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Trey Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

50 gal. alum. fuel tank, 23" wide x 60" long x 10 high, \$200; (2) 250 volt 400 amp sq. D disconnects with service entrance, \$100/1. Webster Leblanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182 or (337) 519-3420.

Sawmill, blades, all tools, \$5750. Ben Brown, Basile, 70515; (337) 432-

Int. Super A, 12 volt with Woods Belly bushhog, \$2500. Pierce Burton, Minden, 71055; (318) 377-5263.

800' of 5" hvy. wall pipe, \$3.50/ ft., delivery avail. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

Galv. panels, 10' light duty, \$40; Reg. duty, \$50; rd. pens, 40', \$545, \$675; 60', \$750 & \$970; hvy. cattle panels, 1 7/8" x 16 gauge, \$65. Michael Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

400 amp Miller welding machine, 4 cyl. Perkins diesel engine in good cond., welder needs repairs, \$500 or trade. Ervin Richard. Sweet Lake, 70607; (337) 598-4770.

New Ranch Cutter saddle, Buster Welch tree, made stout for hvy. roping, handmade, \$1500; used handmade roping saddle, 100% basket stamped, super nice, \$1100. Chris Matheson, Grand Chenier, 70643; (337) 542-4612.

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November 27, 2003

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December 25, 2003

Chicken Pecan Fettuccine ½ cup butter

1 pound boneless chicken breasts, cut into ¾ inch pieces

3 cups mushrooms, sliced

1 cup green onions with tops, sliced

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

1/4 garlic powder

10 ounces uncooked fettuccine

noodles

½ cup butter, melted

1 egg yolk

2/3 cup half & half

2 tablespoons fresh chopped pars-

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

¼ teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup chopped pecans, toasted

½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet: add chicken and saute until lightly browned. Remove chicken from skillet and set aside. Leave pan drippings in skillet. Add mushrooms, green onions, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder to skillet. Saute until vegetables are tender. Add chicken: simmer 20 minutes or until chicken is done. Cook fettuccine according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain noodles, Combine 1/2 cup melted

butter and remaining ingredients except cheese and pecans. Stir into fettuccine. Add cheese, tossing until mixed well. Add chicken and vegetable mixture and toss. To serve, arrange on platter and sprinkle with pecans. Makes 6 servings.

November 6, 2003

November 20, 2003

December 11, 2003

Amaretto Balls

1 (6 ounce) package chocolate chips

½ cup sugar

3 tablespoons White Karo syrup ½ cup Amaretto

2½ cups (12 ounce box) crushed vanilla wafers

1 cup finely chopped pecans Extra sugar

Melt chocolate. Add sugar and syrup. Add Amaretto and blend well. Combine crumbs and nuts in bowl; stir in chocolate mixture. Mix well. Form in ¾ inch diameter balls. Roll in granulated sugar. May be stored for several days in an airtight container. Can also be made in advance and frozen.

Pecan French Toast

4 eggs

1/3 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 (8 ounce) loaf French bread, cut in 1 inch slices 2/3 cup orange juice

1/4 cup sugar

The holidays are a perfect time to enjoy one of Louisiana's favorite treats...pecans. The most Southern of nuts is in season now. Holiday menus always feature pecans and now is a good time to snack on this delectable nut. Recent studies indicate that pecans help lower cholesterol if eaten the right way. Eating a handful of fresh pecans just may be the best gift you can give yourself this year.

Louisiana pecans always in season

½ teaspoon vanilla 1/3 cup butter, melted ½ cup pecans, chopped

Combine eggs, orange juice, milk, sugar, nutmeg and vanilla. Mix with a wire whisk. Place bread in a single layer in a tight fitting casserole. Pour milk mixture over bread. Cover and refrigerate overnight, turning once. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange soaked bread slices in single layer in an oblong casserole. Sprinkle with pecans.

Chicken Pecan Pate

1 cup finely chopped pecans 2 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey

8 ounces cream cheese, cut into chunks & softened

1 clove garlic, minced

6 tablespoons fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried

Combine chicken, cream cheese and garlic with chopped pecans in food processor or blender and blend just until smooth. Add mayonnaise, dill and salt to taste and blend again. Form into a ball and arrange on a bed of lettuce. Sprinkle with additional dill. Serve with crackers.

Holiday Fruit Roll

1 pound pecans, chopped 1 pound walnuts, chopped 1 pound dates, chopped

1 pound raisins

1 pound dried apricots, chopped

1 pound orange slice candy, chopped

1 pound flaked coconut

1 pound vanilla wafers, crumbled ½ pound candied fruits, chopped ½ pound miniature marshmallows ½ pound soft butter (or margarine)

Mix all ingredients well. Knead on bread board as for dough. Shape in rolls, wrap well. Best if refrigerated 4 to 6 weeks. Slice, place on tray to serve.

Toasted Pecans

Oven toasting: preheat oven to 300 degrees. Spread pecans evenly on a baking sheet and bake 10 to 15 minutes, stirring often, until pecans are fragrant and lightly browned. Undercook slightly as pecans will continue to cook after they are removed from oven. Cool completely. Store in a airtight container in the freezer or refrigerator.

Range toasting: place pecan in skillet large enough to prevent overcrowding. Cook over medium heat 10 to 15 minutes or until fragrant and lightly browned. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Store in an airtight container in the freezer or refrigerator.

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Avoyelles

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Christmas Morning Eye-Openers

Gingerbread Pancakes

3 cups all-purpose flour 6 tablespoons baking powder

6 egg whites 1½ teaspoons ground ginger ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon 6 tablespoons ground hazelnuts

3 cups milk

3/4 teaspoon ground cloves 6 tablespoons dark molasses 6 tablespoons vegetable oil

3 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder

In a large bowl sift together the flour, baking powder, cocoa, ginger, cinnamon and cloves; stir in hazelnuts. Set aside. In a medium bowl whisk together milk, egg whites and molasses. Make a well in the dry ingredients and pour wet ingredients into it. Stir just enough to moisten; batter will be lumpy. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately ¼ cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.

Christmas Brunch

Casserole

1 pound bacon 1 tablespoon butter 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 onions, chopped

4 eggs

2 cups fresh sliced mushrooms

1½ cups milk

4 cups hash brown potatoes

1 pinch dried parsley

1 teaspoon salt

1 pinch dried parsley
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9x13 inch casserole dish. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain and set aside. In a separate skillet, melt the butter and fry onions and mushrooms until tender. Place potatoes in bottom of prepared dish. Sprinkle with salt, garlic salt, and pepper. Top with bacon, then onions and mushrooms. In a large bowl, beat eggs with milk and parsley. Pour over casserole. Top with grated cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour or until set. If preparing and baking the same day, cook for 45 minutes.

Hot Spiced Fruit

28 ounces pineapple chunks 2 larg 34 cup brown sugar 14 cup

2 large cans apricots 1/4 cup butter 2 cinnamon sticks

1 large can sliced peaches 2 cinnal 1 large can pear halves ½ teasp

ves ½ teaspoon ground ginger 1 cup fresh Louisiana Orange juice

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup toasted Louisiana pecans, chopped

Drain pineapple; reserving ½ cup juice. Drain all of the other fruits and cut into bite-size pieces. Combine fruits and pour into an ungreased shallow 3½ quart casserole. In a saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter, spices and juices; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer for 5 minutes. Discard cinnamon sticks. Pour over fruit. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through. Top with pecans last 5 minutes of baking.

J Individual Egg Tarts

½ pound pork sausage ½ cups biscuit baking mix

3 tablespoons boiling water

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1/4 cup butter, softened

1 cup half-and-half cream

11/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

3 tablespoons chopped green onions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 12 muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners. Place sausage in large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside. Combine baking mix, butter and

boiling water. Divide biscuit mixture between muffin cups. Spread covering bottom and up the sides a little. Sprinkle sausage and onions. Stir together eggs and cream. Pour equal amounts of egg mixture into muffin cups. Cover with Swiss cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes, until eggs are set.

Overnight

| BlueberryFrenchToast \[\]

12 slices day-old bread, cut into 1 inch cubes

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, cut into 1 inch cubes

12 eggs, beaten 2 cups milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/3 cup light cane syrup 1 cup white sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch 1 cup water

1 tablespoon butter

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish and arrange half of bread in dish; top with cream cheese. Sprinkle with 1 cup blueberries; top with remaining bread cubes. In a large bowl, mix the eggs, milk, vanilla extract and syrup. Pour over the bread cubes. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove mixture from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake covered for 30 minutes, uncover and continue baking 25 to 30 minutes, until center is firm or lightly browned. In a medium saucepan, mix remaining ingredients except blueberries. Stir constantly for 3 - 4 minutes. Add berries, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in butter and pour over dish.

Stuffed French Toast

½ cup milk 2 eggs

2 tablespoons butter 1½ teaspoons sugar
1 cup shredded Swiss Cheese ½ teaspoon cinnamon
8 ounces breakfast sausage Cane syrup

8 slices French bread, 1½ inches thick

Cut a pocket in the crust of each slice of bread. Butter the inside of the pocket. Crumble sausage and cook until done, drain well. Toss cooked sausage with cheese. Stuff into pockets. In a shallow bowl beat eggs, milk, sugar and cinnamon; dip both sides of bread. Cook on a greased hot griddle until golden brown on both sides. Serve with warm Cane syrup.

Holiday Citrus Drink

1 cup fresh Louisiana orange juice

| 2 cups cranberry juice | 1 cup unsweetened grapefruit juice | ½ cup sugar | ½ teaspoon ground allspice

In a saucepan combine juices, sugar and allspice; bring to a boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Serve in mugs. Garnish with fresh orange slices and cinnamon sticks.

A recipe for Chrisitmas

Take a quart of joy and gladness. A pack of folk and kin -- A dash of Christmas spirit and toss some laughter in. Take a large amount of giving and spread it generously; read directions in the Good Book and apply them carefully. Garnish well with human kindness, on crystal leaves of cheer, and you'll have a batch of Christmas to last the coming year.

Marinated Carrots I

1 medium onion, chopped 1 can (10³/4 ounces) cream of tomato soup 1 cup sugar ³/4 cup vinegar

1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 5 cups sliced cooked carrots

Mix onion, tomato soup, sugar, vinegar, salt, black pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over carrots. Refrigerate overnight before serving. These will keep in refrigerator for 2 weeks. Fresh carrots are better than canned or frozen. I've fixed these for church suppers numerous times and my dish always returns empty!

Serves 10 to 15. Jane Hoffpauir



I Remember..

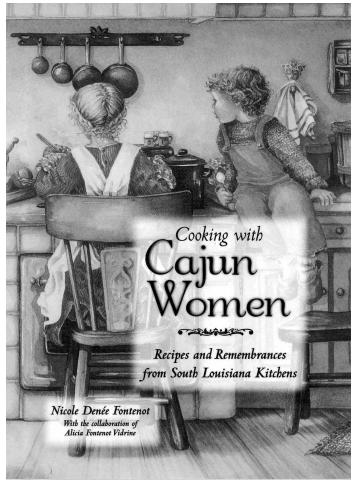
"But you know I don't ever remember having, getting a doll. A doll, I don't remember. My momma used to make us you know the sacks, the flour sacks, they had what you call and she'd stuff it. But I mean you know a real doll. . My sister Catherine was younger and I'll never forget this. It stayed in my memory. She, her godfather had given her a doll and she was so happy with her doll. She was young and she, I shouldn't say this but she went to the, we had outside toilets, and she went to the outside

toilet and dropped her doll in the hole. [She] cried and cried. [She] wanted my daddy to go get it, but it was impossible. We still laugh and talk about that doll. ... We were poor, not like now."

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I Remember..

We used to make our own toys: bottles were horses. We would make a a wagon and play under the house and under the trees. "When it would rain and we was outside we'd take a twine and we'd make a loop... and put some feed for the chickens and we'd pull that and catch the chickens by the feet and see how many we could catch. It didn't take a whole lot to make us happy."

Corinne Judice

Stuffed White Round Squash

1 or 2 large squash

½ pound ground meat, browned
1 cup bread crumbs or cooked rice

½ cup chopped onion and parsley mixed together
2 slices bacon, cut in small pieces
salt to taste
black pepper to taste
red pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash and dry squash. Peel skin off. Take all seeds out of squash and scoop out most of the flesh, leaving a "shell." Mix the meats of the squash you take out with ground meat, bread crumbs or rice, onion, and parsley, and bacon. Season with salt, black pepper, and red pepper. Put back in squash and bake in a casserole dish with a little water in the bottom for about 45 minutes or 1 hour.

Serves 3 or 4. Thelma Coles

Thelma Cole

Cooking With Cajun Women

Fontenot's cookbook spices Cajun recipes with cultural anecdotes

By CHERAMIE SONNIER The Advocate (Baton Rouge)

I grew up in Lafayette, the heart of Cajun prairie country, the child of parents who'd moved to Louisiana before I was born. My mother sometimes tried traditional Cajun dishes, but more often than not, she served more traditional "American" fare.

So, to learn about Cajun cuisine and culture, I had to turn to my classmates and their families — and later my husband and in-laws.

I remember when I was about 12 and visited a classmate who proudly opened the refrigerator to show me the stuffed chaudin (pork stomach) that her family was having for Sunday dinner. I was relieved that I wasn't expected to partake, but I later realized that I hadn't shown the proper respect for what my friend obviously considered a delicacy.

I also remember my confusion when another classmate's Cajun grandmother referred to me as "an American." "Isn't she an American, too?" I whispered to my friend, who laughed and said that was only her grandmother's way of noting that I wasn't Cajun.

Those memories popped into my head while reading the charming "Cooking with Cajun Women: Recipes and Remembrances from South Louisiana Kitchens" by Nicole Denée Fontenot (Hippocrene Books Inc., \$24.95, hardcover).

To write the cookbook, Fontenot spent two years, 1998 and 1999, interviewing 70 Cajun women who grew up before 1950.

These women shared both recipes and memories of a time when almost everything except coffee, sugar and flour was homemade

Next to each recipe in the 376-

page cookbook is an anecdote that begins "I remember." Many of the remembrances are about food and cooking, but others are about such things as home remedies, weddings, superstitions, making soap, and Easter egg dyeing and the competition of "paqueing" with the hard-boiled eggs.

Fontenot grew up in Vidrine, which is in Evangeline Parish between Mamou and Ville Platte. "It's a little community with a

Nicole Fontenot

a corner store," she said in a phone interview.

school and

Her pare n t s, C h a r l e s
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and the former Regina

Meaux, are living in Baton Rouge for the next few years until her father re-tires from his job with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. Her mother teaches public school in Port Allen.

Nicole Fontenot, who now lives in Lake Charles, teaches advanced math and social studies for gifted students at Kinder High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from McNeese State University and a master's degree in American history from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. "I was teaching there as an adjunct when they changed the name" to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Fontenot said her cookbook started life as a project for a 20-page paper for a research and writing class

"I interviewed three ladies" for

the research paper. "I looked at their lives before everything was Americanized, and it was still an isolated culture. I had wanted to do something local, and I started thinking about my grandmother and how much influence she had on our family and the Cajun culture — what she did every day, the way she lived, the way she cooked."

Fontenot later decided to continue her research on Cajun women and their influence on the culture for her master's thesis.

Her thesis focuses on just prairie Cajun women, she said, but for the cookbook she went on to interview others "to cover the entire geographical region — the swamp, river and marsh areas of South Louisiana."

She interviewed 70 women. They came from such places as Evangeline, St. Martin and Lafayette parishes, St. James, Labadieville, Belle Rose, Vacherie, Lake Charles, Welsh, Lacassine, Eunice, Church Point and Sunset.

"They were all over the ages of 60," she said of her subjects. "Some were over 90, and a lot got married before World War II."

After she completed the thesis, she thought of writing a historical book, but that would have required interviewing another 100 women, and she didn't feel she had the time.

She decided on a cookbook because "I had plenty of recipes and thousands of remembrances to pick stories to go along with (the recipes). I could finish that project sooner and then do the strictly academic work later, which I do plan to do."

She also plans to begin research on a men's version as soon as possible while there are still enough men living who meet her research criteria. Already, she said, "I've lost 20 percent of my women that I Upcoming Cooking With Cajun Women book signings & appearances by Nicole Denee Fontenot

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Dec. 14 B. Dalton Booksellers in Baton Rouge 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Jan. 18 Barnes & Noble in Lafayette 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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interviewed for this" cookbook.

The cookbook includes information and recipes from three of her great-grandmothers, both of her grandmothers and her mother. In addition, Fontenot includes an essay written by her sister, Alicia Fontenot Vidrine, about "making the veillée (nighttime visit) with Grandma." Vidrine also helped type the recipes.

The cookbook opens with a discussion of Cajun women as the agents of cultural preservation. It then gives a explanation of how the Acadians of Nova Scotia became today's Cajuns and provides a guide on such things as how to eat boudin, how to smother okra and what filé is. A resource guide is at the end of the book.

Recipes, divided into eight chapters, include both traditional recipes and modern favorites. For example, appetizers range from Trail Mix and Swedish Meatballs to Pork Cracklings and Hog's Head Cheese.

Among the recipes are those for Cherry Bounce, Root Beer, Chicken Gumbo, Turtle Sauce Piquante, Baked Goose, Tongue, Oyster Dressing, Crawfish Bisque, Maque Choux Corn, Eggplant Casserole, Fresh Black-Eyed Peas, Couche-Couche, Sweet Potato Bread, Blackberries and Dumplings, Gateau de Sirop (Syrup Cake), Fig Cookies and Old-Fashioned Pralines.

With this book, Fontenot fulfills her hope of making Cajun culture come alive, "to give you a taste of Cajun culture as seen through ... the eyes of 20th-century Cajun matriarchs." Certainly, reading this book brought back for me the wit and warmth of the Cajun grandmothers of my childhood.

This article originally appeared in The Advocate on Oct.



National Tree Trust planting at State Capitol

A magnolia tree, whose flower is Louisiana's state flower, was planted recently on the southeast corner of the State Capitol as part of the National Tree Trust's commemorative effort. Shown above, from left, Meepsie Dougherty of Baton Rouge Commissioner Green. Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom, Louisiana Forestry **Association Executive Director** Buck Vandersteen, Associate State Forester Cyril Lejeune, **Baton Rouge Green's Jolie Berry** and Shreveport Green's Donna Curtis. Right, Vandersteen and **Curtis show off the National Tree** Trust's tree marker Louisiana.



Mosquitoes year-round pest in Louisiana

Winter may have arrived and brought cooler weather with it, but experts warn the threat of mosquito-borne diseases still exists in Louisiana.

LSU AgCenter medical entomologist Dr. Michael Perich says even though lower temperatures have arrived, mosquitoes are still out and still carrying the threat of spreading diseases.

Recent news reports have revealed reduced numbers of West Nile cases in the state, and some have indicated the threat of mosquito-borne diseases is over for this year. But that advice applies more to states which already have freezing temperatures regularly, according to Louisiana experts.

"Louisiana has a subtropical climate – the preferred climate for mosquitoes," Perich said, adding, "One-third of the species of mosquitoes found in Louisiana are the same as those found in Brazil."

The South Louisiana habitat mimics tropical zones, creating conditions that support mosquitoes year-round, Perich points out. Some species actually thrive when temperatures are in the 50s and 60s, which are not uncommon as the high temperatures for South Louisiana during the winter.

Among the problems here in winter, which Perich cited, is one mosquito that can tolerate lower temperatures – "Culiseta inornata," or the winter mosquito.

This mosquito is primarily a late fall through spring mosquito. Its larvae are found in a wide variety of habitats, such as seepages, rain pools, ditches, canals, duck club ponds and salt marshes. These larvae can even tolerate water with a salt content of up to 2.6 percent.

"Culiseta inornata" mosquitoes prefer to bite large domestic animals, but they also can bite humans. And they are carriers for several potential diseases.

Another cool-weather mosquito is "Culex restuans." These mosquitoes breed in similar habitats to those of the "Culiseta inornata" – although the water used by the "Culex restuans" can vary from nearly clear to grossly polluted. Among the places it may lay eggs are temporary groundwater, the edge of grassy swampland, sphagnum bogs, roadside ditches, tire ruts, hoof prints, discarded buckets, tires, catch basins, sewage effluent and septic seepage.

Both of these species usually are active in Louisiana from October to April, Perich said.

Because of the continued threat, Perich said it is still important to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes. To cut down the mosquito population and prevent mosquito bites, LSU AgCenter experts say to:

-Protect yourself by wearing a mosquito repellent each time you go outside.

-Wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants,

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Fifty states commemorate 10 millionth tree planting

By the time you're finished reading this, the National Tree Trust will have planted five more trees in the United States (and 10 more if you read it twice).

Doesn't sound like much? Keep reading (and they'll keep planting...). By tomorrow morning, an average of 2,283 more trees will be planted – just like every morning since the National Tree Trust was founded in 1990. Quick math proves that 12 years at an average of nearly 2,300 new trees per day means the National Tree Trust has reached an astounding milestone – 10 million trees.

For those keeping score, figure an average of 95 trees planted per hour and almost two trees per minute every minute since 1990. Dig that.

To commemorate this achievement, the National Tree Trust "Branched Across America" by planting a tree in each state capital city Nov. 21. In Baton Rouge, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom led the planting. Donna Curtis of Shreveport Green and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry organized the event.

Buck Vandersteen of the Louisiana Forestry Association and other special guests helped with the planting.

"This very special nationwide event will help raise awareness of the importance of trees to communities across the country, how trees benefit the environment and how they can enhance the beauty and property values of the areas where they're planted," National Tree Trust President Richard Keefe says. "It will also commemorate the contributions of Baton Rouge and the country to the National Tree Trust's mission."

Indeed, trees are vital to the health of our environment. Over a 50-year lifetime, one city tree provides over \$57,000 worth of benefits, from reduced air conditioning demand to erosion, storm water and air pollution control. Now multiply that by 10 million.

Established as a non-profit organization in 1990, National Tree Trust is a national leader in programs supporting local and regional community tree planting and education projects. Its mission is to serve as a catalyst for local volunteer groups in the planting, growing and maintenance of trees in urban and rural communities and along the nation's highways. More information can be found at www.nationaltreetrust.org.

"We're proud of the work we've done with National Tree Trust, and we're honored to stand here and plant this tree – our own celebration of number 10 million," Odom says. "Last year our agency helped 'green' Louisiana by growing 24 million tree seedlings in our nurseries that were available for planting across the state. Each year we will continue to grow seedlings and work with groups to help keep Louisiana beautiful."



A Canadian TV crew from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, was in Louisiana last month interviewing state officials about West Nile virus. This past summer a number of birds and six horses were reported with West Nile in Saskatchewan. Reporter Ian Roach with CTV interviews LDAF State Veterinarian Dr. Maxwell Lea (left) at Live Oak Arabians in Baton Rouge on what Canadians can do to limit the infectious disease in that country.

when possible, and avoid dark colors.

- -Avoid outdoor activities from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are more active.
- -Fight mosquitoes. Don't allow water to stand, or treat standing water with approved insecticides to kill mosquito larvae.
 - -Repair window and door screens to keep

mosquitoes out of your home.

- -Use an insecticide, carefully following label directions, to spray areas of thick vegetation in your landscape.
 - –Remove debris from your yard.
- -Mow grass regularly and keep shrubbery trimmed.



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Shreveport

Festival Plaza Farmers Market Festival Plaza & River Front Sat. & Wed., 6:30 - 11:00 a.m. June 1-September 7

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Lake Charles

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Red Stick Farmers Market #1 300 North Bld.

Downtown Municipal Building Parking Lot

Saturday 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

May - September

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

October - April

Red Stick Farmers Market #2

8470 Goodwood Blvd.

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Lafayette

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Thibodaux

Thibodaux Main Street Market Hwy. LA 1 & Maronge St. Saturday 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. May 18 - November

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Tallulah Farmers Market 408 North Cedar Street Hwy. 65 North Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

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Natchitoches

Cane River Green Market (Farmers Market)

Cane River Bank-Downtown Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. April-October

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans

#1 Crescent City Farmers Market 700 Magazine Street Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Noon Year Round #2 Crescent City Farmers Market 200 Broadway, Uptown Square Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Year Round #3 Crescent City Farmers Market

3700 Orleans Avenue Thursday 4:00 p.m.

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West Monroe Farmers Market 1700 North 7th Street Monday - Saturday 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas

St. Landry Parish Farmers Market

952 East Landry Street Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Mid May-November

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martin

St. Martinville Creole Farmers Market

Evangeline Boulevard Saturday 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington

Covington Farmers Market 609 North Columbia Street at City Hall

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wednesday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond

Cate Square Farmers Market Corner of Charles St. & Oak St. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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A number of Christmas tree farms have gift shops, like the one at Christmas Forest (above left) near Zachary. The on-site shops offer gifts and decorations for holiday shoppers. Kringlewood Christmas Tree Farm owner Reggie Pulliam at right and LDAF employee Francis Voorhies net a Leyland cypress tree, the traditional Louisiana-grown Christmas tree, for the trip home.

Oh! Christmas tree, Oh! Louisiana Christmas tree

Like most people, Reggie Pulliam was very busy the week before Thanksgiving.

But Pulliam's preparations didn't include cooking and cleaning for dinner guests. Instead, he was busy getting his Christmas tree farm near Zachary ready for the throngs of visitors who travel to the country to select the perfect Christmas tree after eating their turkey and dressing.

"Every year at this time about 100 Louisiana Christmas tree growers open their gates to families searching for a tree to decorate their home for the holidays," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said. "There is no part of the state that is not within a 30-minute drive of a Christmas tree farm, and the farmers are reporting an abundance of healthy, fragrant trees this year."

Trees that are available for sell this year were not affected by bad weather early in the fall, but Pulliam and some other growers did sustain damage to smaller trees that would have been sold in future years. The small trees, which are top heavy and have short root systems, were knocked over by the strong winds of Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili and had to be staked up in soggy ground. As rains continued after the storms, many of the stakes were unable to remain upright causing the trees to fall again.

"Before the storms, all we could do to prepare was say a lot of prayers," Pulliam said. "Afterward, we spent a lot of time in the fields staking up the little trees."

Many Louisiana Christmas tree farms opened the weekend before Thanksgiving and will remain open through Christmas. There were 171 Christmas tree growers in Louisiana in 2001 producing a wide variety of trees on 755 acres.

About half of the growers operate choose-and-cut businesses. The remainder grow trees for the retail trade, which are marketed through local home and garden stores and supermarkets. In 2001 the 171 growers produced 66,387 trees for a gross farm value of \$2.5 million.

A listing of Louisiana Christmas tree farms can be found on the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Web site at www.ldaf.state.la.us. The site also offers statistics about the Louisiana Christmas tree industry and helpful hints for maintaining the freshness of a tree throughout the season.

"I hope families will use the site to locate a tree farm near them, and then make a day of going to the country. Visiting a Christmas tree farm as a family is a



The Capitol Rotunda Christmas tree is hoisted into place by inmate workers and LDAF forestry marketing director Mike Buchart. The 17-foot Leyland Cypress is one of many trees donated by Louisiana Christmas tree farmers to decorate state office buildings.

special treat, especially for those from urban areas of the state," Odom said. "For many people it's their first opportunity to visit a working farm. It makes for a special annual family outing where the entire family can walk the rows of trees looking for just the right one to fit the spot they have in their home for the Christmas tree. Once the tree is selected the family can cut it down or the farm will have personnel on site available to do the cutting."

Many of the farms will net the tree for transporting home and some offer special services like flocking. A number of farms have gift shops on site for purchasing ornaments, other decorations, and holiday gifts.

The most popular trees grown in Louisiana are the Leyland cypress and the Virginia pine. Other exotic species available on some farms include the Carolina Sapphire, Deodar cedar, King Williams' pine and Eastern Red cedar.

A friendly reminder...

The Market Bulletin is expanding its advertising categories to include "From the Farm" items such as jams, jellies, quilts and birdhouses. Please remember this new category and submit your items for sale. We also need your "life on the farm" pictures to include in future issues. Send us your pictures and we'll select several to publish in the Market Bulletin.

Christmas tree care tips

- •Before leaving your house to purchase a tree, decide where it will go and how large it should be. Big trees look beautiful in the openness of a farm, but they can take away from the attractive features of a smaller home.
- •If certain sides of the tree will be up against a wall or in a corner, you can select a tree that is not uniform in shape and still have a beautiful tree showing.
- •Once you have selected the right size and shape, check the freshness of the tree by grabbing a branch between your thumb and fore-finger and pulling it toward you. If the tree is fresh, few needles will come off in your hand.
- •At home, keep the tree in water in a sheltered, cool place until you are ready to decorate and display it.
- •Before you display your tree, make a new, straight cut across the base of the trunk approximately ½ inch above the original cut. Place the tree in a stand that will hold a gallon of water or more.
- •A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water or more in the 24 hours after it is cut, and one or more quarts everyday after. Maintaining a steady water level prevents the needles from drying out and dropping off and the boughs from drooping. Water will also keep the tree fragrant.
- •Make sure your tree is well supported and away from sources of heat such as vents (close them), fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Lighted candles or other open flames should never be used on or around real Christmas trees.
- *Test light cords and connections before putting them on the tree. Do not use worn or frayed wires and electric cords, or broken and empty sockets. Use a multiple strip outlet with surge protection.
- •Do not let wrapping paper and electric toys accumulate under the
- •Always unplug electric lights when you leave the house or before you go to bed.